

**MLIS Curriculum Committee
Report to SIM School Council
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The MLIS Curriculum Committee met monthly from September 2017 to April 2018, with no meetings in January or March due to weather. Membership of the Committee consisted of D. Castillo (student), A. Colborne (SIMSA Exec. rep, ex-officio), J. Grek Martin (Chair/faculty), V. Howard (faculty), D. MacNeil (IM community rep), D. McDonald (alumnus), L. McKay-Peet (IM community rep), C. Savage (student), P. Skerrett (faculty), H. Steeves (alumna), S. Toze (ex-officio), and J. Watson (Secretary).

In addition to the regular, cyclical review of courses, this year the MLIS Curriculum Committee has been working on the following topics:

Courses/Curriculum

INFO6850 Special Topics in Information Management: Managing Research Data has been approved as an elective course in the MLIS program.

INFO6681 Geospatial Information Management will be added to the list of technology elective options for the MLIS program.

The Committee continues to develop certificates applicable to the MLIS program and is currently considering course sequencing, academic advising, and learning outcomes for certificates. Potential certificates include Public Librarianship, Academic and Special Librarianship, Human-Centred Design, Information Governance, Archives, and Data Management.

Based on feedback from the Exit Surveys, the Committee is organizing meetings of all instructors involved in teaching required courses and all instructors involved in teaching advanced technology courses. The focus of these meetings is to ensure there are supportive connections across the MLIS curriculum, but no undue duplication. Instructors who teach required courses will examine how the competencies are mapped across course syllabi and address any gaps, with special consideration given to Risk and Change management.

The Committee continues to consider a degree name change for the MLIS program.

Policy Changes

Program level annual grade distributions will be reviewed, in accordance with University policy.

Ongoing Developments

INFO 5570 Organizational Management and Strategy: Capstone. In winter 2018, a Capstone session was added to INFO5570. Reviews of the session suggested some changes to logistics and content, which will be incorporated into the session planning for winter 2019.

Committee members continue to review and modify MLIS program Competencies.

MLIS Curriculum mapping continues via the software Daedalus 2.0 and will eventually include MLIS Competencies.

The committee will consider the possibility of offering basic technology workshops for incoming students in Fall terms.